

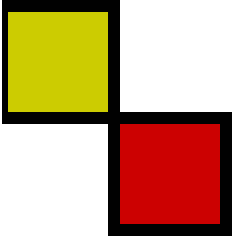
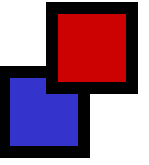
# Parent Voucher Conversion Program



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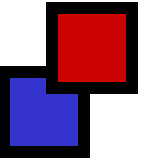
# History of Respite Options

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- Agency Respite Only Pre-1990
    - Higher rates to Regional Center
    - Agencies choice of respite workers
  - Family Member Vouchers in early 1990s
  - Why was this service option developed?
    - California Budget Cuts – Saved \$ on paper but other challenges were presented to RC's and families
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# Family Member Vouchers - Pros

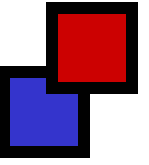


- Families finally able to choose the respite worker of their choice.
  - Greater flexibility with scheduling
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# Family Member Vouchers - Cons

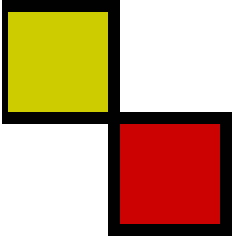
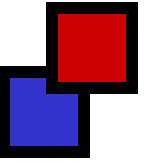


- Family members became the respite workers' legal employer
  - Many families not aware or compliant with responsibilities of legal employer
  - Regional Center guidelines not adhered to
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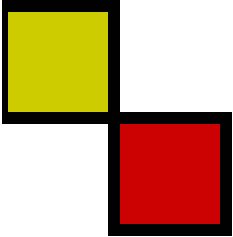
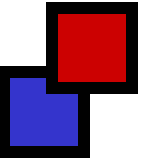


# Why was Parent Voucher Conversion Developed?

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- Advantages to Families/Consumers
  - Advantages to Respite Worker
  - Advantages to Regional Center
  - Advantages to State
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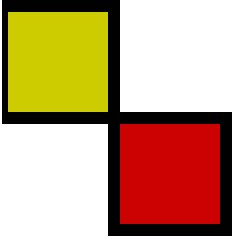
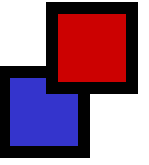
# Advantages – Families/Consumers

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- Remove legal/financial responsibilities
    - Fronting wages
    - Handling payroll taxes and year-end payroll forms (W2)
    - Providing Worker's Compensation & General Liability Insurance
    - Verification of Respite Workers' Legal Work Status
    - Producing monthly billing to Regional Center
    - Record Keeping
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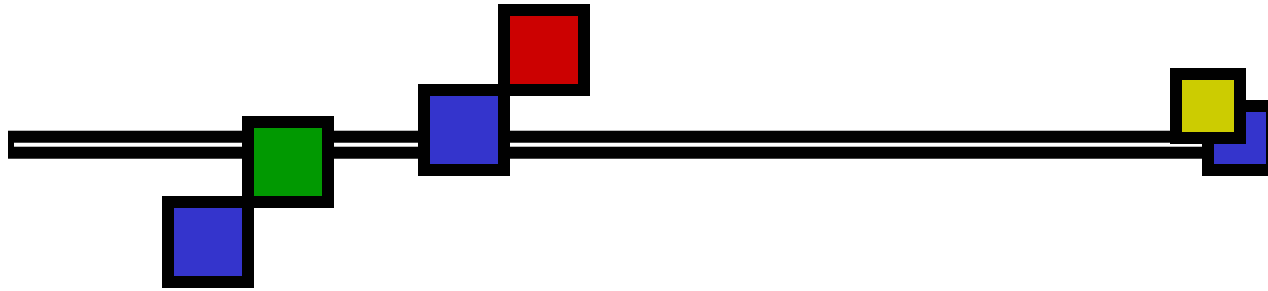




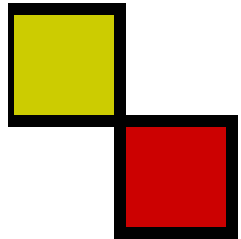
# Advantages – Respite Worker

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- Higher base pay rate (\$8.50 to \$7.29\*) Current allocation is \$8.57 per hour – intended as \$7.29 to respite worker, \$1.28 to state/federal for employer taxes.
  - Potential employee benefits – Health Insurance, 401K Plan
  - Payroll taxes automatically withheld and deposited
  - CPR/First Aid Training paid for by Accredited
  - Paid Bi-Weekly through Accredited
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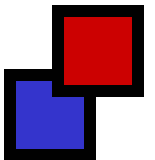




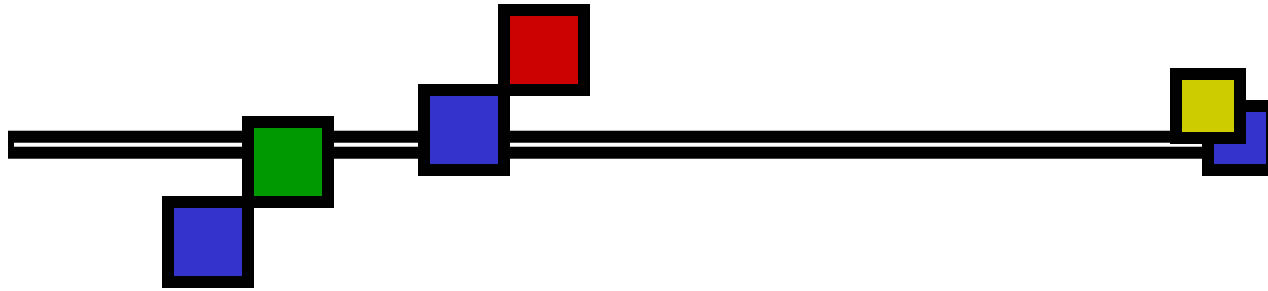
## Advantages – Regional Center



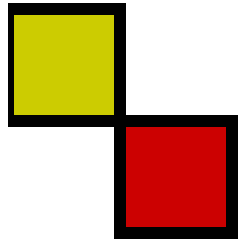
- Administrative Relief – Producing Monthly Reimbursements, QA Audits
- Managing Vouchers easier during this time of Operational Budget Cuts



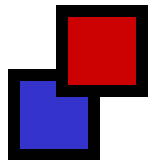




## Advantages - State



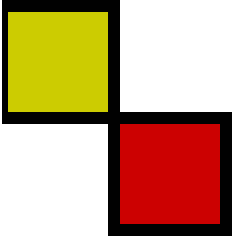
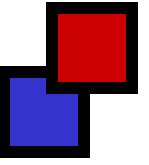
- Payroll taxes for employee/employer guaranteed to be paid
- State is able to recoup more federal money thru Medicaid Waiver funds if utilization has greater checks and balances





# How Does the Program Work?

## –Part 1

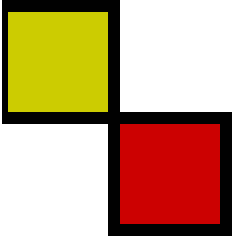
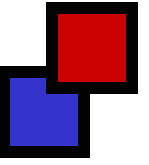
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- Families recruit (or maintain) respite worker of their choice
  - Families call Accredited to receive employment application for respite worker
  - Respite worker submits employment application to Accredited
  - Accredited screens applicants and formally hires applicants that meet all qualifications
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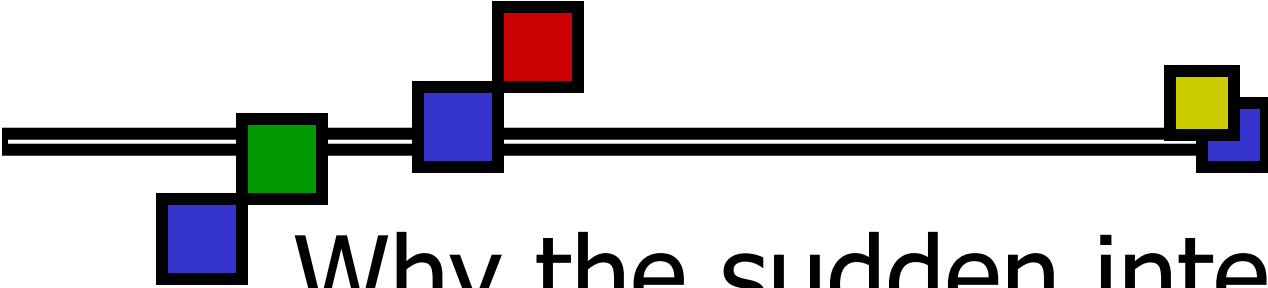




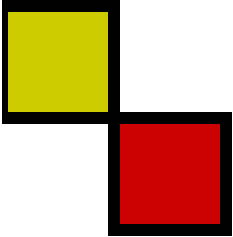
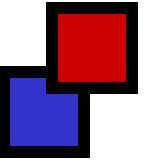
# How Does the Program Work?

## – Part 2

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- Accredited informs service coordinators of respite worker hire
  - Service Coordinator terminates family member respite voucher and reissues authorization for respite directly to Accredited.
  - Services commence through Accredited
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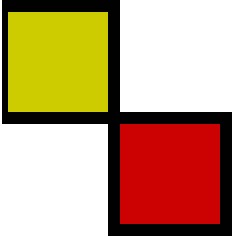
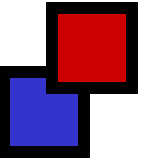


# Why the sudden interest about Parent Voucher?

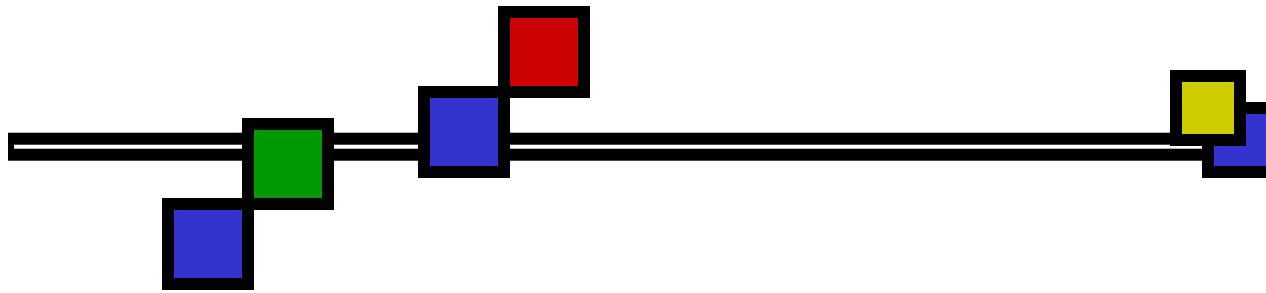
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- Change in DDS Regulations
    - Extremely difficult for families to comply with respite standards. This threatens Federal Revenues
    - Operational Budget Cuts. Regional Centers don't have man power to administer family member voucher respite any longer
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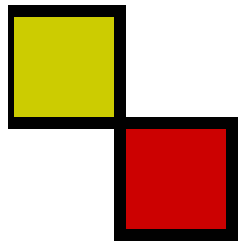
# Qualifications of Respite Worker

- 
- 18 years of age or older
  - Proof of CDL or CA ID Card
  - Valid Social Security Number
  - Proof of legal work status
  - CPR/First Aid Training\*
  - Lives outside of consumer's home
  - Passes Criminal Background Check
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# Pay Rates



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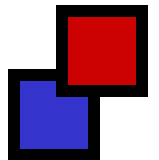
**\$8.50**

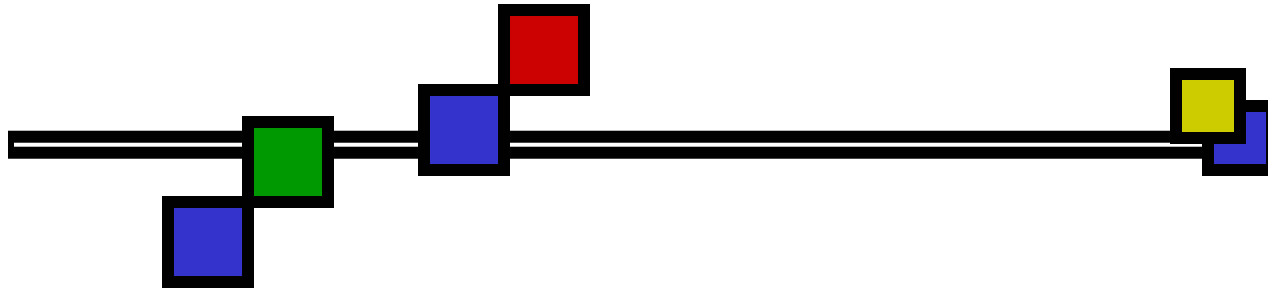
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**\$10.00**

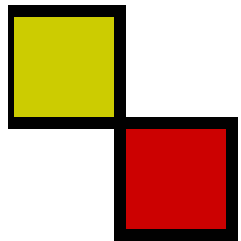
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**\$12.00**

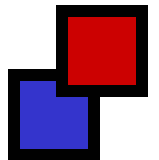




# Explanation of Pay Rates

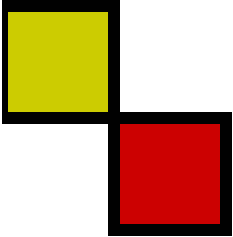
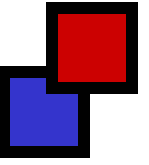


- Under family member voucher, respite worker pay rate is \$7.29. This amount is the total from the \$8.57 reimbursement rate minus the \$1.28 allocation for employer taxes.
- Many families were paying the entire \$8.57 to the respite worker, so our \$8.50 is meant to provide a similar wage to incentive worker to continue to provide respite services





# Why choose Accredited?

- 
- 20+ years of experience working with Regional Centers
  - Proven results with the Parent Voucher Conversion Program
  - Development of in-house, dedicated department for administering this program
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# Frequently Asked Questions



1) Can the parent be the respite worker?

*NO*

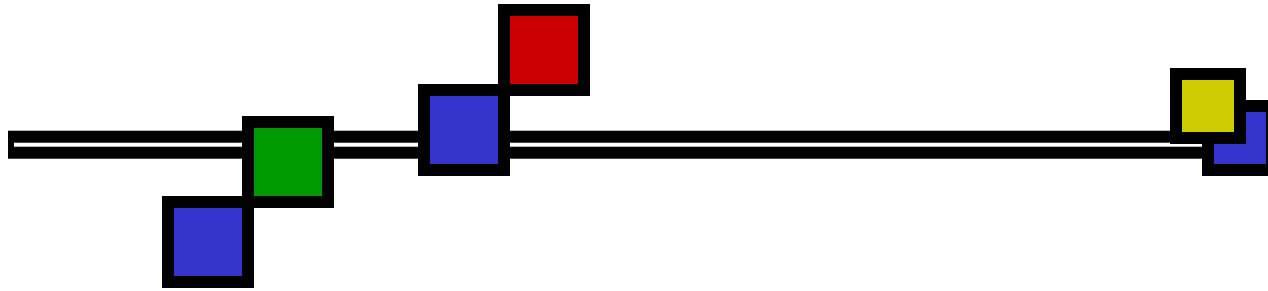
2) How and when will the respite worker get paid?

*Respite workers are paid bi-weekly upon submission of their timesheets.*

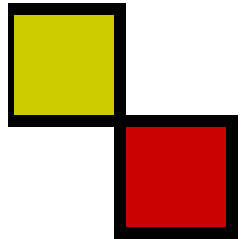
3) Who will receive the check?

*The respite worker will receive the check directly by mail.*



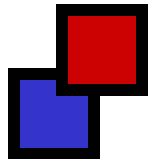


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4) Can the respite worker be a family member?

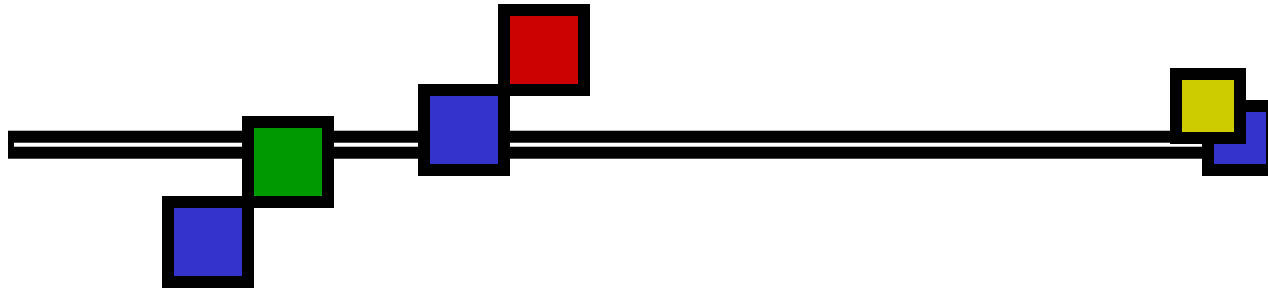
*Yes, but they cannot live in the same home as the consumer.*



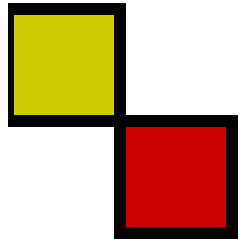
5) Can families have multiple respite workers?

*Yes*





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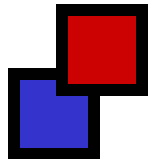


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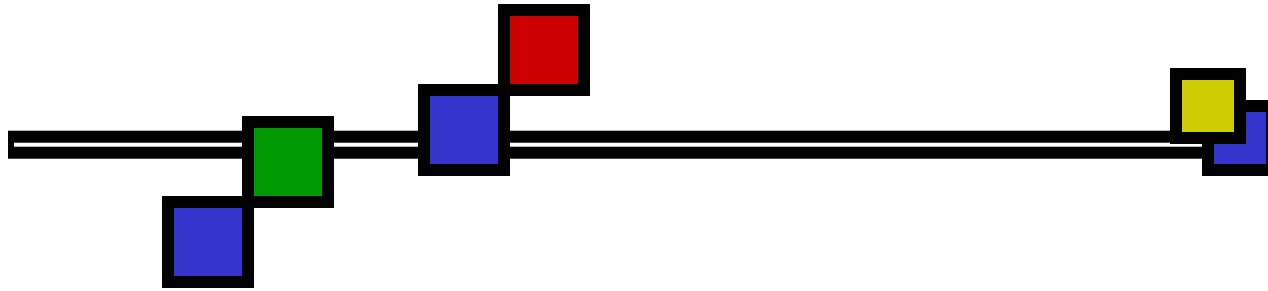


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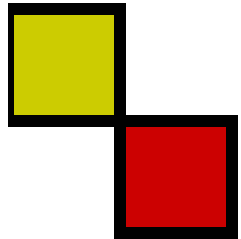
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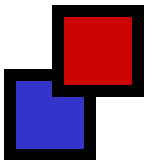




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